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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

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1. REFS A AND B GIVE DETAILS WHICH HAVE GOVERNED PREPAR-
ATION HERE OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR EACH
AMBASSADOR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR COMMENT.
PLEASE RESPOND ASAP, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 IN ANY
EVENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR -
UNITED KINGDOM

I. SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC PROGRESS

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--REMIND HMG OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VALUE OF RETAIN-
ING THE POLICY CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
MONETARY FUND ARRANGEMENT, AS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

-- EMPHASIZE AS APPROPRIATE THE NEED TO ACCEPT A RATE FOR
STERLING THAT REFLECTS BOTH THE FAVORABLE AND UNFAVORABLE
UNDERLYING ECONOMIC REALITIES.

--MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS AT THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS CONFERENCE AND IN INITIAL WAGE SETTLEMENTS CLOSELY AND DISCREETLY ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO HOLD THE LINE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

II. INCREASE ATTENTION TO THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

--WITH THE APPROACH OF THE FINAL TWO YEARS OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S TERM OF OFFICE, CAREFULLY MONITOR THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND AS TIMING INDICATES, BEGIN ANALYSIS OF HYPOTHETICAL ELECTORAL OUTCOMES UNDER DIFFERING CIRCUMSTANCES.

--DEVOTE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO ANY NEED TO BOLSTER CONTACTS WITH THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP.

--ASSESS THE LIKELY POINTS OF MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT AND A TORY GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US.

III. STRENGTHENING OF UK - EUROPEAN RELATIONS

--EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR ENCOURAGING A MORE ACTIVE BRITISH ROLE IN CONTINENTAL AFFAIRS.

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IV. CONTINUATION OF BRITISH SUPPORT FOR EAST-WEST INITIATIVES.

--CONTINUE TIMELY, IN-DEPTH CONSULTATIONS WITH UK ON EAST-WEST INITIATIVES AFFECTING THEIR VITAL SECURITY LIKE SALT, MBFR, CTB, AND THE CSCE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE.

V. MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY RELATIONSHIP

--CONTINUE THE SPECIAL US-UK RELATIONSHIP IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION-SHARING.

--BE ALERT TO SIGNS OF FURTHER DEFENSE CUTS. ENCOURAGE RESTORATION OF PREVIOUS CUTS IF POSSIBLE.

--PRESS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO NATO, AND URGE A MORE ACTIVE BRITISH ROLE, INCLUDING UK IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THREE PERCENT DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASE AIM, AND THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES AGREED AT THE NAC SUMMIT.

VI. CONTINUATION OF BILATERAL COOPERATION ON REGIONAL POL-

ITICAL ISSUES.

--CONTINUE TO URGE ACTIVE BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN THE SEARCH
FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND IN OTHER ASPECTS OF SOUTH-
ERN AFRICAN POLICY.

--KEEP HMG CLOSELY INFORMED OF OUR EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. END TEXT. VANCE

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